

**SUPERIOR COURT FOR THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
CRIMINAL DIVISION**

UNITED STATES

VS.

ELLSWORTH W. COLBERT

On Sunday, March 4, 2012, at approximately 10:15 am, members of the Metropolitan Police Department and DC FEMS responded to 3607 Highwood Drive, SE, Washington, DC, for the report of a stabbing. Upon arrival to the scene, members located the decedent, Robert Wright, lying in the front yard of the aforementioned residence. The decedent, who was suffering from apparent stab wounds to the body, was unconscious and unresponsive. The decedent was transported to Prince George's County Hospital where all life saving efforts proved futile. The decedent was subsequently pronounced dead at 11:01am by Doctor Misra Brajendr. The decedent's remains are pending transportation to the Maryland State Medical Examiner's Office for a post-mortem examination and autopsy.

During the course of an investigation, several witnesses were interviewed. One such witness is hereinafter referred to as W-1. W-1 reported that while standing in the vicinity of 3607 Highwood Drive, SE, IT observed the defendant, Ellsworth Colbert, and the decedent engaged in a verbal altercation. During the altercation, W-1 observed Defendant Ellsworth Colbert holding a walking stick in one hand and an open blade knife in the other hand. W-1 then observed Defendant Ellsworth Colbert walk directly to the decedent and swing the knife at his person. W-1 subsequently observed blood on the decedent's hand and believed that the decedent had been stabbed.



W-1 then observed the decedent walk to the rear of 3607 Highwood Drive, SE and subsequently emerge with a shovel in hand. W-1 then heard the decedent state, "You going to stab me?" W-1 observed the decedent walk towards Defendant Ellsworth Colbert and raise the shovel as if to strike the defendant. W-1 observed Defendant Ellsworth Colbert raise the stick as if to strike the decedent. W-1 then observed the decedent and defendant strike one another with the aforementioned objects.

W-1 then observed Defendant Ellsworth Colbert tackle the decedent to the ground during which time a physical "tussle" ensued. Shortly thereafter, W-1 observed Defendant Ellsworth Colbert and the decedent stand up and walk away from one another. W-1 observed the decedent collapse to the ground. W-1 observed the decedent's injuries and discovered that the decedent had been stabbed several times about the body.

Subsequently, the police were called. Upon police arrival, W-1 directed members of law enforcement to Defendant, Ellsworth Colbert's residence located at 3530 Pope Street, SE. In a show-up, W-1 positively identified the defendant as the individual that stabbed the decedent

The events and acts described above occurred primarily in the District of Columbia and were committed as described by defendant(s) listed in the case caption.

Subscribed and sworn before me this 3-5-12 (date)

 _____ Police Officer	<u>D2-162</u> _____ Badge	<u>CID/Homicide</u> _____ District	 _____ Deputy Clerk
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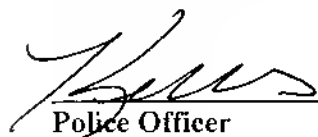



A second witness hereinafter referred to as W-2 was located and interviewed. IT reported that IT was in the 3500 block of Pope Street SE as the decedent was walking a dog. The defendant emerged from his house and confronted the decedent about allowing the dog to get near his yard. The defendant then asked the decedent whose dog it was. The decedent responded that it was Sean's dog. The defendant then approached the decedent and dog while holding a knife. The decedent asked the defendant if the defendant was going to stab the dog. The defendant walked past the decedent and walked to 3607 Highwood Street SE where he confronted the owner of the dog. The decedent continued walking the dog and arrived at 3607 Highwood Street SE where the owner of the dog was located. The decedent passed the defendant and walked toward the back yard to put the dog in the yard. The defendant then addressed the decedent, who stopped and turned to look at the defendant. W-2 reported that the defendant, Ellsworth Colbert, and the decedent engaged in a verbal altercation. During the argument, W-2 observed Defendant Ellsworth Colbert holding a walking stick in one hand and an open blade knife in the other hand. W-2 then observed Defendant Ellsworth Colbert walk directly to the decedent and punch the decedent several times to the back of the head and body. Subsequently, when W-2 observed the decedent's neck IT saw a large bleeding gash on the left side of the decedent's neck. W-2 then observed the decedent walk to the rear of 3607 Highwood Drive, SE and subsequently emerge with a shovel in hand.

According to W-2, the decedent walked towards Defendant Ellsworth Colbert while armed with the shovel as if to strike the defendant. Simultaneously, W-2 observed Defendant Ellsworth Colbert turn and confront the decedent with the stick as if to strike the decedent. W-2 then observed the decedent and defendant strike one another with the aforementioned objects. During the altercation, W-2 observed Defendant Ellsworth Colbert hitting the decedent with the stick and stabbing the decedent with the knife. Following the physical altercation, the two separated. Subsequently, W-2 observed the decedent collapse to the ground. W-2 observed the decedent's injuries and discovered that the decedent had been stabbed several times about the body.

W-2 was shown a photo array that contained a photo of Defendant Ellsworth Colbert (PDID#360582) and eight additional subjects. Upon viewing the array, W-2 identified Defendant Ellsworth Colbert as the individual IT observed stabbing the decedent.

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